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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TSPA, UNGA, UR

SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE: SOVIET VIEWS

1. USDEL HAD BRIEF INFORMAL BILATERALS WITH SOVIET DEL  
MONDAY PRIOR TO CONVENING OF OSC, COVERING SEVERAL  
ISSUES ON OSC AGENDA.

2. SOVS DO NOT INTEND TO SAY ANYTHING ON NUCLEAR  
POWER IN SPACE IN OPENING STATEMENT. THEY BELIEVE IT  
WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE AN AGREED TEXT IN OSC REPORT  
THAT WILL REFLECT COMMITTEE'S FEELINGS ABOUT THE  
IMPORTANCE OF A PROGRAM OF WORK AND THAT WOULD  
INSTRUCT STSC TO CONDUCT BASIC STUDY OF S&T ASPECTS.  
TEXT WOULD ALSO REFER TO RELEVANT PARAS OF STSC 1978  
REPORT. THE WORKING GROUP WOULD BE DIRECTLY UNDER  
STSC AND NOT AN INDEPENDENT BODY. STATES WOULD BE  
ENCOURAGED TO SEND SPECIALISTS TO NEXT YEAR'S STSC  
MEETING TO PARTICIPATE IN S&T STUDY.

3. SOVIETS FEEL THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO MENTION  
LEGAL ASPECTS OF QUESTION AT THIS STAGE AND DO NOT  
WANT SUBJECT ON LS AGENDA.

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4. SOVS BELIEVE THAT A PARAGRAPH ON SUBJECT COULD BE  
AGREED FOR GA RESOLUTION (PRESUMABLY IN ANNUAL  
RESOLUTION NEGOTIATION IN FIRST COMMITTEE) BUT THAT  
NO EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PUT SUBJECT ON AGENDA  
OF GA.

5. ON MOON TREATY, SOVS NOW FEEL EVEN MORE STRONGLY THAN BEFORE AGAINST COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND LANGUAGE. THEY EXPECT TO AVOID THIS SUBJECT IN THEIR OPENING STATEMENT AND WILL NOT PUSH FOR COMPLETION OF TREATY AT THIS SESSION OF OSC. SOVS DID NOT REVEAL WHETHER AT BOTTOM LINE THEY WOULD ACCEPT PRESENT TEXT.

6. ON UN CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE: SOVS FEEL THAT NAMING OF A SCIENTIFIC CHAIRMAN AT THIS TIME WOULD BE PREMATURE. THEY ARE AWARE THAT US HAS CANDIDATE IN MIND.

7. IN BRIEF EXCHANGE ON OTHER ITEMS SOVS INTIMATED THEY HAVE NO SURPRISES.

8. SOVS ASKED IF WE INTENDED TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT ASAT DISCUSSIONS, INTIMATING THAT THEY DID NOT. USDEL REPLIED THAT WE DID NOT INTEND TO DISCUSS SUBJECT BUT THAT ANY REPLIES TO QUESTIONS RAISED SHOULD CONFORM TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS ALREADY MADE.

9. COMMENT: SOVIETS CLAIMED THAT IN BILATERAL MONDAY MORNING (JUNE 26) CANADIANS AGREED TO BROAD SCENARIO SOVIETS HAVE IN MIND FOR DEALING WITH NUCLEAR POWER QUESTION. CONTENT OF PROPOSALS WAS NOT, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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DISCUSSED WITH CANADA. IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT SOVIETS HAVE A DRAFT RESOLUTION IN THEIR HIP POCKET AND INTEND MOVING QUICKLY WITH IT AS A TACTIC TO MANAGE WHAT IS FOR THEM VERY DIFFICULT ISSUE. WE HAVE SCHEDULED BILATERALS WITH CANADIANS AM JUNE 27.  
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